

John F. Kennedy - Nov 22 1963

Shooting Film Shown at Shaw Trial

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The Warren Commission version of John F. Kennedy's assassination was under courtroom attack today by prosecutors who displayed pictures and a toy-size model of Dallas' Dealey Plaza where the President was shot.

Clay Shaw, 55, the retired businessman charged with conspiring to murder Kennedy, became a spectator at his own trial yesterday as the state began trying to show that more than one gunman killed Kennedy.

"The second and third shots were fired almost back to back," testified Buell Frazier of Irving, Tex., who gave Lee Harvey Oswald a ride to work on the day Kennedy was shot.

"You mean simultaneously . . ." began Asst. Dist. Atty. James L. Alcock.

"Objection," boomed chief defense lawyer F. Irvin Dymond.

Criminal Dist. Court Judge Edward A. Haggerty sustained Dymond. But earlier he had overruled him on a major legal issue—the defense contention that the conspiracy trial should not go into the assassination itself.

Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison, rarely seen since his opening statement, said at the outset of testimony that the state would show Kennedy was hit by bullets fired from different directions.

The Warren Commission report said Oswald was a lone sniper, with no credible evidence of a conspiracy.

Shaw's indictment said Oswald and David W. Ferrie, both now dead, were among his co-conspirators. Shaw said he never laid eyes on either man.

In shifting the focus of testimony to the plaza where Kennedy was shot Nov. 22, 1963, Garrison's assistants opened with repeated screenings of Abraham Zapruder film's on the Dallas shooting.

On screen, the presidential limousine appeared, moving slowly. The President jerked forward, clutched at his chest. Seconds later his head appeared to snap backward. The bullet's impact threw a spray of blood and tissue.

The intent courtroom audi-

ence gasped.

The movie was shown at normal speed, slower motion—and frame by frame by Asst. Dist. Atty. Alvin Oser.

Zapruder, the 23rd state witness since testimony began Feb. 6, had stepped down from the witness stand a few minutes before.

"I heard a shot and noticed where the president leaned to-

ward Jackie," Zapruder said, referring to Kennedy's wife. "Then I heard another shot, which hit him right in the head over here. (His hand left his knee and went to the right temple.)

"The first shot, he grabbed himself in the chest and leaned toward Jackie. The second shot he leaned about the same way and then down toward the bottom of the car. I saw his head

practically open up and blood and whatever it was—brains—just come out of his head."

Frazier, testified that on the day of the assassination Oswald carried a brown paper package with him when he drove to the depository.

The commission concluded that the package concealed a disassembled rifle, later found in the building.